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The Haifa municipality and Mayor Arye Gurel held a reception on Friday for Christian and Druse leaders from the city to mark the new year.

The Israel Prize for special contribution to memorial activities for Israel's fallen will be presented this year to Beit Ya'ac Lebanon of Paphos, Cyprus.

Prizes for outstanding performances of Israeli musical compositions for the year 1978 were awarded over the weekend in Tel Aviv by the Music and Art Council to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and conductor Elishah Inbal.

ARRIVALS

For the World EMUNAH Meeting, Mrs. Shirley Billst, President Emunah Women of America and Mrs. Ronnie Rudnitsky, Executive Director of Emunah, Mirachi-Hapoel Hambarschi Women of Canada.

Navon receives Christian heads

President Yitzhak Navon on Friday received the heads of twenty Christian communities resting them on the occasion of the new year. Also present at the reception was Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzira.

LOAN. — The European Investment Bank in Brussels yesterday announced a \$14.3m. loan to Lebanon for expanding a thermal power station.

Memorial service for PHILIP MAYERS will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1980, at 2.45 p.m. at the Kibbutz Hasolelim Cemetery.

Memorial service for IRMA PAIZER will be held on Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. at the Sanhedria Cemetery.

Freeze wages in '80, says central bank head

Gafny advised giving the war on black capital and improved tax collection high priority at a time of cutbacks, to give the public the feeling that the tax burden was being shared. Gafny was apparently referring to a contrary trend in the Treasury — cutting staff in the revenue department.

Patt urges reform of wage structure

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — A reform of the country's wage structure is as essential as the reforms of the tax system or of government credits, inflation is to be stopped. The present system is riddled by linkages of one group to another, and some salaries, such as those of pilots or government attorneys, are out of proportion.

Hope on multiple sclerosis treatment

TEL HASHOMER (Him). — Some 80 per cent of guinea pigs suffering from an induced illness closely resembling multiple sclerosis in humans recovered after receiving a new treatment being developed by local scientists.

CARTER

He congratulated Afghanistan's "worthy Moslems" of both Sunni and Shi'a persuasions, their priests and spiritual leaders, along with soldiers, tradesmen, landowners and tribesmen on the overthrow of Karmal's speech appeared to confirm diplomatic speculation that his administration would make a major effort to find a solution to the civil war between tribal guerrillas and successive Marxist regimes in Kabul over the past 19 months.

WEIZMAN

Governor Jerry Brown of California, both of whom are challenging Carter for the Democratic nomination. Both have tried to attract American Jewish support by complaining about some of Carter's policies toward Israel.

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They contend, moreover, that the settlers are in fact to blame for the government's failure to meet the deadline; it was their refusal to agree to the Jabal Kabir alternative that delayed the start of work at the site.

Cites interference from above

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TA PAPER BINS

TEL AVIV (Him). — The Tel Aviv District Court last week upheld a lower court order that the Soldiers Welfare Association paper collection bins in the city must be removed by January 15.

U.S. AID UP

(Continued from page 1) meeting by Ambassador Evron and Weizman's military aide, Sgan-Aluf Ilan Tebila. On the American side were National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and his Middle East aide, Robert Hunter.



Electric Corporation employees don fireproof suits and practise firefighting skills as part of a special course held for them last weekend. (Jacob Katz)

Poll: Hurvitz boosted gov't popularity

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Where economics are concerned, the government is now more popular than the Histadrut for the first time since January 1978, according to a public opinion survey carried out for the Treasury by the Institute of Applied Social Research, headed by Prof. Louis Guttman.

Zipori says he opposed Eitan's appointment as CoS

Post Military Correspondent Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zipori revealed at the weekend that he had been against the appointment of Rav-Aluf Rafel Eitan as chief of staff.

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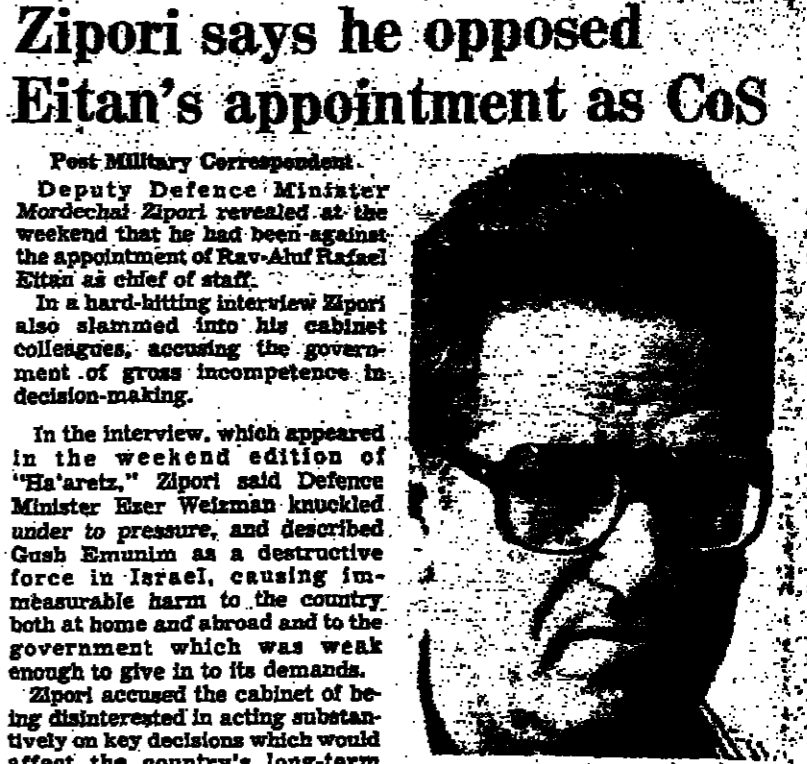
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In another interview over the weekend, Rafael Eitan, speaking to Edna Pe'er of Kol Yisrael, said that the Tel plan for the reorganization of the army had been accepted "conditionally."

Terrorist blast in S. Lebanon village

Jerusalem Post Reporter METULLA. — Terrorists, who on Friday morning crossed UNIFIL lines in the area held by the Irish contingent, blew up a room in a building on the outskirts of the Christian village of Ein Ibi in the central sector of South Lebanon.

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Ironic note at Weizman meeting with youth leaders

Students promise aliya, not dollars

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The irony was apparent to Israeli officials who accompanied Defence Minister Ezer Weizman to an address before a convention of American Jewish university students. "We are trying to create a generation that will move to Israel — not pay ransom to live here," a student leader said while introducing Weizman. "We are the generation of the future — not of the dollar givers."

There was prolonged applause by the 500 youthful delegates who gathered last week for the convention of the North American Jewish Students Network, timed to coincide with the semester recess.

What was ironic was the fact that Weizman had come to Washington with one specific purpose in mind — to raise dollars for Israel's beleaguered economy — not from the students, but from the U.S. government. It was a mission that he had undertaken reluctantly. He clearly felt uncomfortable about it, which was not the case regarding his appearance before the students.

These students, during the question and answer session with Weizman, seemed to have only a sense of derision for their parents who contributed funds to Israel but refused to go on aliya. They were determined to move to Israel. At least that was the impression as they spoke directly with the tireless and jacketless Weizman.

Weizman — in a spirited mood on the eve of the start of critical talks with Carter administration officials on the level of next year's aid bill — welcomed the promises of aliya from the students. He noted that Israel needed another three million Jews in the coming years if the " Zionist enterprise " were to succeed.

But Weizman and other Israeli officials have heard such glowing assurances of aliya in the past and were not holding their breath for a major breakthrough from the six-million strong

American Jewish community. In the more realistic short term, what Israel needs is billions of dollars in U.S. economic and military assistance to pay for imported oil and sophisticated warplanes and other advanced weaponry.

Without a substantial increase over last year's \$1.756 billion level of combined economic and military aid, Israel Finance and Defence Ministry officials fear that the country may have to cancel certain U.S. arms transactions.

Unless the U.S. continues to increase its aid levels to Israel during each of the next several years — a not very realistic assumption — Israel will simply not have the money to compete in a very expensive arms race in the Middle East.

These fears surfaced in between Weizman's jokes and bantering with the students. The minister conceded that Israel had made "mistakes" in handling its financial matters over the years. "We were living, perhaps, in a peculiar way," he said. But he promised that the government, during the last two months, had decided to "roll up our sleeves, tighten our belts and get into the battle — the economic battle."

U.S. officials, who had been studying Israel's pending \$3.45 billion economic aid request, were pleased by the recent belt-tightening measures of the Israeli government. But they have been recommending such drastic action for at least a year.

What was fascinating about the encounter with the students was to hear what they had on their minds. There were no questions about economic and military aid. There were questions about:

- Sexism in Israel. One woman student, who said she personally planned to come on aliya next year, complained that many of her "very Zionist" friends refused to go on aliya because of the "attitude towards women" in Israel.
- Weizman, apparently unaware of the issue's very real sensitivity for a new generation of

young American women, quickly countered with a joke: "That's a damn good reason to come to Israel." He was biased, at which point he shot back that he was only joking. "We're one of the very few countries in the world which had a lady prime minister," he said. "Everyone used to say she was the only man in the cabinet."

- The plight of the Falasahas. In response to another question, Weizman admitted that he was unaware that the cabinet had recently decided to try to help the black Ethiopian Jewish community emigrate to Israel.
- Peace Now. Weizman said he was not all that unsympathetic to the Peace Now movement. But he suggested that its leaders should decide whether it wanted to remain "a boy scout movement" or get involved in "the political life of the country."
- Differences with Prime Minister Menachem Begin about settlements. Weizman said he would not participate in any Israeli government which decided that Jews could not live on the West Bank or any government which confiscated private Arab land for Jewish settlements.
- Israelis who discourage American Jews from coming on aliya. "Israel is going through a hangover now," he said, explaining that the high expectations of the founding generation have not been met. The "disappointments" of the 1970s war were "a shock." He noted that crime in Israel was rising and there were problems with law and order. "This is not what we expected."

But Weizman expressed hope that things would improve in the future.

Based on the applause, Weizman was a bit with the students, apparently all of them — from the radical socialists, to the hasidic Lubavichers, and the entire range in between, including the women's liberationists. But on Wednesday night, it was still uncertain how the U.S. government would receive him.



A cuppa for the copper: police rabbi Pakad Elyahu Stern gets a welcome cup of steaming hot tea at a Jerusalem petrol station in Friday's rain. (Harati)

Sadat in birthday interview: Begin 'Ashkenazi' but okay

Jerusalem Post Staff

Though Prime Minister Menachem Begin is what Israelis call an "Ashkenazi," his heart is Egyptian. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat told an interviewer for the Hebrew daily "Al Hamishmar" last week.

The interview took place in Sadat's native village, Mit Abul Kom, on his 51st birthday, December 25.

Sadat was pleased with his discovery of Begin's oriental heart, he said, adding that Begin was an outstanding politician who pursues an honest and genuine policy and honours all commitments he undertakes.

During his meetings with Begin, he said, he felt that Begin's frequent reference to "cousins" was not devoid of meaning.

Sadat told his interviewer he preferred not to discuss the normalization of relations: Relations

would be like those Egypt has with every European country and other countries in the world, he said.

Sadat said Begin had responded seriously to his peace initiative, and he hoped with Begin's help to carry out the essence of that initiative and achieve a general peace in the Middle East.

Sadat said he was pleased with the appointment of Dr. Eliehu Ben-Eliav as Israel's first ambassador to Egypt, and was certain Ben-Eliav could contribute to the peace process.

Asked how he was preparing the Egyptian people for normalization of relations with Israel, Sadat said there was no need to do so. The Egyptian people did not need to be convinced of the value of peace. But he did foresee increased tension in the Middle East as Israel prepares to hoist its flag in Cairo. It would be difficult, he said, but he was optimistic. Everything would return to normal in time.

Police want more men on patrol duty

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — At least 2,000 patrolmen must be added immediately to slum quarters and towns to prevent an increase in crime, senior police officers told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The top-ranking officers claim that the English system of posting a policeman to patrol a few blocks regularly has also proved very efficient in Japan.

"The acute shortage in patrolmen is felt in Israel. One hardly sees a policeman in the streets today," an officer said.

One officer, who has visited police departments in other countries, said that the presence of permanent patrol policemen in neighborhoods would lead local residents to cooperation between the police and local residents.

"The whole burden of patrolling the streets is today on the shoulders of a number of traffic policemen whose duty is to write parking tickets. These policemen who serve as the 'police presence,' are not trusted by their commanders to do more than to clear the streets of parking violators," the officer said.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Linked bonds begin to climb, stocks mixed and uncertain

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The index-linked bond market, which had been climbing slowly in the early part of the week, came through with a sparkling rally last Thursday.

Earlier in the month, the bonds had appeared to fall out of investors' favour. Many investors were trading at a negative yield, which means that their market prices had risen less than the price index since they were first offered.

But last week, there appeared to be some switching from shares to bonds, reflecting perhaps the fact that there were no major Finance Ministry announcements regarding changes in monetary or fiscal policy.

Index-linked bonds, depending on the sector, were ahead by between 4 and 5 per cent for the week.

The share market was not as fortunate. Mixed price conditions prevailed, with industrials under selling pressure but commercial bank shares continuing to surge.

The "First International" index led the sector with a gain of 4.5 per cent, followed by I.D.B. ahead by 3.7 per cent, I.D.E. up 3.2 per cent and Hapoalim 2.2 per cent higher.

Continuous excitement was supplied by American Israel Paper Mills shares, which had risen by more than 60 per cent the previous week. By the end of last Thursday's session, they were down 25 per cent in the week.

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WALL STREET WEEK

World of silver and gold

NEW YORK (AP). — The dawn of the ultra-modern 1980s may be approaching, but the dominant theme in the investment world just now is an ancient one — silver and gold.

The precious metals staged a spectacular rise in price during 1979, outstripping all the more elaborate attractions for capital that people have devised in modern days.

Gold has more than doubled, and silver has approximately tripled, since last New Year. And as the statisticians prepared to close the books on the 1970s, those runaway markets gave little sign of slowing down.

Gold passed the \$800-an-ounce level for the first time last week, traders in the stock market seemed to be mesmerized.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials drifted sluggishly all week, closing on Friday at 538.51, unchanged from the previous week.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index, meanwhile, edged up 0.15 to 61.88. Only at the American Stock Exchange, home of many smaller companies, involved in the business of other precious commodity — oil — did prices show any life. The AMEX market value index gained 3.17 to 245.81, a record high.

Big board volume slowed to a daily average of 27.49 million shares

from 41.09 million the previous week.

Gold is traditionally regarded by its partisans as a haven from inflation, currency turmoil and political uncertainty, as well as an industrial commodity used in electronics, dentistry and other fields.

Silver, with industrial uses in electronics, photography and elsewhere, is often viewed as a kind of "poor man's gold" — a metal to tag along wherever its much-esteemed relative goes.

But most analysts agree that those standard images alone can't account for the fireworks that have occurred lately in the markets.

One common explanation being advanced for the heavy demand of late is a flight out of currencies and into a safe haven — gold — by governments and private investors in oil-rich countries.

Gold's supporters say the oil squeeze and growing tensions between producing and consuming countries are putting more and more pressure on the international currency system. And as a result, this explanation says, those on the producing side, anxious to grow more assets in the currencies of the consumers.

Since gold and silver know no national boundaries, they are a natural place for that capital to seek refuge.

Tourist missing in flash flood named

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The South African tourist who has been missing since Wednesday evening after being caught in a flash flood near Ein Gedi has been identified as Sandra Langbert, 28, of Cape Town.

Langbert is still officially listed as missing even though Israeli naval units on Thursday sighted the body of a woman floating in the Red Sea. Jordanian authorities have reportedly recovered this body, but until full identification can be made police are still con-

VAT must now be paid on gold certificates bought here

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

As of tomorrow, Israelis purchasing gold certificates through local banks will have to pay an extra 12 per cent value added tax (VAT) on the latest decision on the precious metal by the Treasury and the Bank of Israel.

"The certificates are purchased by investors and savers who want to link their money to the international price of gold, as established daily in the major European and other markets."

Imposition of VAT on gold certificates makes the conditions for their purchase equivalent to those for foreign gold coins such as South African Kruggerands, on which the tax was imposed last week. Gold jewelry and metal for industrial use, on which VAT already applied.

Gold in London closed at about \$308 an ounce on Friday, which translates to some IL225,000 a kilogram, or now, IL700,000 including VAT.

Early Friday in London, the price of gold reached another record height of \$315 an ounce, but then plunged sharply on markets which were confused and worried about world economic and political tensions.

The drop was attributed by observers to weekend profit taking.

New heads for U.S. Nazi unit—after feuds

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — After several months of internal feuding, the top leadership of the U.S. Justice Department's special Nazi investigations unit has been shaken up. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Martin Mendelsohn, the unit's spy director, was informed last Friday that he will be replaced on January 7 by Alan Ryan, an assistant solicitor-general in the Justice Department.

Well-placed Justice Department sources said Ryan will serve only as a deputy, since he has never been selected to succeed Alan Rockler, the current spy director of the Nazi unit, around April 3, when Rockler leaves the government to return full-time to his Washington law firm.

The special unit was established by the Justice Department earlier this year with the sole purpose of acquiring some 200 suspected

Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. Rockler was named its first director.

Mendelsohn, who was named chief deputy, had earlier served for nearly two years as the head of the Nazi investigations unit at the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The unit was pulled out of INS to accelerate legal procedures.

But from the start, relations between Rockler, a former prosecutor at the Nuremberg war trials after World War II, and Mendelsohn were seriously strained, and that affected the overall performance of the unit. "They never worked well together," one source said.

Ryan, a former marine who graduated from Yale Law School, was in charge of an important government appeal earlier this year against Feodor Fedorenko, a Ukrainian-born, naturalized U.S. citizen accused of being a guard at the Treblinka concentration camp.

PLO warns U.S. on extradition to Israel

BEIRUT (Reuter). — The Palestine Liberation Organization last week warned the U.S. that it would regard the extradition of a suspected Palestinian terrorist to Israel as an act of aggression.

Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO political department, condemned the decision by a federal court in Chicago last week to deport

Jordan to make Europe aware of ME problems

BEIRUT (UPI). — Jordan will not join the Egyptian-Israeli peace process but will push for a better understanding by Europe of the Arab-Israeli and the Palestinian problems, Prime Minister Sherif Abdel-Hamid Sharaf said in an interview published yesterday.

"Jordan has not accepted the Camp David accords, and the negotiations that are being conducted within that context are moving within a dead-end alley," Sharaf told the weekend edition of the newspaper "an Nahar."

Sharaf, a close aide of King Hussein and one-time Jordanian ambassador to the U.S., assumed office 10 days ago. He said the Washington-sponsored Egyptian-Israeli talks on West Bank self-rule were against the Jordanian and Arab concept of an overall settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

TV newsman to Cairo

A permanent radio and television correspondent will be based in Cairo when an Israeli embassy opens there, Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Burg said last week.

Lapid will select the correspondent from the existing news staff after consulting with the news directors of radio and TV. Lapid told the authority board of directors last night that Cairo will soon be an important news centre "no less and maybe more than Washington."

One of the prerequisites for the job is a perfect knowledge of Arabic. The correspondent will also have to be guided carefully on how to report from such a sensitive place, authority chairman Reuven Yaron said.

LIBRARY. — Hours at the American Cultural Centre library in Jerusalem will be extended, starting on Wednesday. The library will now be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays.

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Dentists cited for aid to HU and Bonds sales

The former international president of the 15,000-member Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, Dr. Marvin Goldstein, of Atlanta, became an Honorary Fellow of the Hebrew University last week. He was cited for service to the cause of dental education in Israel, as was Dr. Bill Kampel, of Huntington Station, N.Y., a former Alpha Omega Foundation chairman.

Earlier, in Tel Aviv, where the fraternity's international convention opened, Chaim Herzog, former ambassador to the UN, presented the Maimonides Award citation to the fraternity's current international president, Dr. Morton Rosenbluth, of North Miami Beach. The citation recognized the "tremendous contributions" made to Israel's economic development through the purchase of \$4m. in Israel Bonds during 1979.

65 carpets stolen in IL2.5m. break-in

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Carpets valued at IL2.5m. were reportedly stolen last Thursday night from a shop in Hahoy, Be'er Yehuda here. Thieves apparently broke through a back wall into the shop. Police are investigating.

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Moscow calls Afghanistan moves 'defensive'

World hits Soviet intervention

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Jimmy Carter yesterday ordered a formal protest lodged in Moscow and dispatched Under-Secretary of State Warren Christopher on a weekend mission to London to confer with European allies on the "grave threat to peace" posed by Soviet intervention in the affairs of Afghanistan, its neighbour to the south.

Afghanistan's internal affairs and of a blatant violation of internationally accepted rules of behaviour. Iran, which is at odds with the U.S. over the hostage siege in Tehran, also spoke out sharply against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. Teheran radio quoted Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh as saying "we strongly condemn the military intervention of the Soviet government in Afghanistan."

The domestic affairs of other countries. In Lebanon, the pro-Iraqi newspaper "Al-Lawa" explained the coup as a reply to U.S. naval moves in the Persian Gulf. But the independent "An-Nahar" said it feared the Soviet intervention might constitute a green light for American intervention in the Gulf and Iran.



Loretta Dooley, 18, of Tracy, California, was photographed as she arrived in Rome on Saturday after spending five months in a Turkish jail on drug smuggling charges. She was released on Christmas day after friends put up \$1,500 in bail. Dooley was arrested in a post office as she tried to mail a package of cigarettes allegedly containing 7.25 grams of hashish. (UPI telephoto)

Rhodesia truce begins with contacts, clashes

SALISBURY — Rain-soaked guerrillas yesterday cautiously started to contact Commonwealth monitoring teams at remote campsites, to set in motion a truce aimed at ending Rhodesia's seven-year-old war. British military spokesmen said the first of the guerrillas began trickling into the highly-manned monitoring outposts during the night and that the flow continued into the day.

forces were reported to have pulled back to their base areas, as part of the accord reached last week in London. The agreement is between the guerrillas and the Salisbury government of Abel Muzorewa, who resigned as prime minister to make way for the temporary re-appointment of British colonial rule under Lord Soames, the colonial governor.

Heathrow mishap triggers check of Boeing 747s

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Friday night ordered inspections of engine supports of one type of Boeing 747 after the partial separation of a 747 engine in an accident on Thursday in London.

Thailand protests Viet-Kampuchea border incursions

BANGKOK (UPI) — Thailand has protested to the UN for the first time that the "Vietnamese-Hung Samrin forces" in Kampuchea have made armed intrusions into its territory, the Thai Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

Sri Lanka lifts peninsula's emergency

COLOMBO (Reuter) — The Sri Lanka government on Friday lifted a five-month emergency in the Tamil-speaking Jaffna peninsula, saying peace had returned to an area which was once a hotbed of separatist guerrilla activities.

Chinese provinces institute new form of local rule

PEKING (Reuter) — Four more Chinese provinces have replaced their revolutionary committees with new-style people's governments, burying another vestige of the tumultuous cultural revolution.

have been given no posts at all in the new administrations. Former Sichuan revolutionary committee chairman Zeng Zhenqiang recently, a post which may be keeping him too busy to maintain his provincial duties.

Nightmare: Soviets in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (UPI) — What Western powers and Asian nations alike have feared for more than a century has finally happened — Russia has made a decisive military thrust into Afghanistan.

Ultimately at stake is a Soviet threat to the West's vital lifelines from the Middle Eastern oil fields. The worst possible scenario is that the Soviets will be able to play upon the separatist sentiments of the Baluchi tribesmen of southwestern Pakistan, creating a Baluchi homeland that at the same time would break up Pakistan and put the Soviets on the Indian Ocean.

Afghanistan had deteriorated to the point where a major infusion of military strength was necessary to maintain their position. Rebels have made dramatic gains in the countryside, even if the rebel victory claims are slightly exaggerated.

About 18 policemen were killed by guerrillas in the last five years. Separatists also carried out a series of bank and highway robberies, and looting of shops and food stores.

Carter's supporters using gov't funds, lawsuit claims

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Jimmy Carter's campaign aides have been labeled as "harassment" a lawsuit charging top White House aides and cabinet members with using government money and power to "defame" the president.

Cabinet officers are handing out millions of dollars in federal grants to cities as reward to mayors who have endorsed Carter, while withholding grants from cities where the mayors have endorsed Kennedy or are remaining neutral, the suit charged.

Art collection stays in Italy

VENICE (Reuter) — The collection of 280 paintings owned by millionaire Peggy Guggenheim will remain in Venice and be on show to the public, Thomas Messer, director of New York's Guggenheim Museum, said on Friday.

Messer said that the collection and Guggenheim's Venier Del Leon Palace on Venice's grand canal had been the property of the Guggenheim Foundation of New York.

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY CULTURE DEPARTMENT Jerusalem Prizes Celebrating the 13th Anniversary of the Unification of Jerusalem. The Municipality's Culture Dept. announces that the deadline for submission of candidates for the prizes is Jan. 31, 1980.

Fan failure leads to 6 steelworkers' deaths. EAST CHICAGO, Indiana (AP) — Six steelworkers died here Friday night after a fan stopped turning and carbon monoxide fumes leaked into the area around a blast furnace stove, officials of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Co. said.

El Salvador bombs, gunshots kill one. SAN SALVADOR (AP) — Bomb explosions on Friday here damaged the offices of International Telephone and Telegraph and First National City Bank of New York, authorities said.

Sakharov: Report of suicide try false. MOSCOW (Reuter) — Soviet dissident leader Andrei Sakharov said on Friday that a report distributed by him last Wednesday that a jailed human rights activist had tried to commit suicide in his cell had proved to be false.

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YOU MAY not like Flora Cushman's "In This Moment," or you may think it marvellous. Either way, it can capture interest. In five scenes, the choreographer has used abstract dance idiom to convey intense human feelings (Jerusalem Khan, December 23).

Though echoes of Martha Graham vocabulary do have their place, she has explored new balletic terms. Except in the final scenes, she has succeeded — strikingly in the "Morning," the "High Noon" and the "Evening" of life.

In the opening scene she used the two levels of the Khan stage — platform and floor — to produce unusual grouping, vivid and eloquent, without sound except what the dancers themselves provided. I found this long semi-silence trying (I don't like to hear the panting of the dancers) but it undoubtedly stressed the reactions of the young to each other and to ideas.

Curiosity, fear, love, joy were all expressed. In the following excellent duet (High Noon), grief also took form.

The "Afternoon" episode portrayed older types in their gregariousness, aggressiveness, rebelliousness, waywardness. It made its satirical points about the effects of wrong discipline and other social shortcomings in light style that had only a little to do with dance. Here speech was used. Musical chairs came into it too — without music.

The poetic tone of the first scene took on further significance in the yearnings of "Evening." Haunting sound gave subtle rhythms to the movements. "Night" depended too much on flickering light and swinging torches. Whatever the intention this robbed the scene of depth. The figures were visible only in flashes. The result was disjointed — a deterioration into mechanics.

Nobody was credited with the costumes which was admirably suited to every scene, and the dancers of the Jerusalem Dance Workshop were so much within the spirit of the work that they made even the heavy moments look easy. They were — in alphabetical order — Naomi Aran, Dina Biton, Judy Eshery, Alice Cohen, Daphne Silberstein, Atanasios Gaidaris, Ery Lifshitz, Yaron Margolin and Shulamit Seltzman. The two men were especially expressive. The performance will be repeated on December 30 and 31.



Impressions of '79

PHOTOGRAPHS/Lester J. Millman

THE PAST YEAR has had its ups and downs, its triumphs and tragedies — and sometimes a blend of all those ingredients at the same time. *Jerusalem Post* photographer Lester J. Millman covered many of the dramatic events of 1979, and the photographs here are some of his impressions of the year.

ABOVE LEFT: Major Sa'ad Haddad, who carved out an enclave in southern Lebanon, is seen with members of his Christian militia. They have fought many battles with FLO terrorists, most recently on Christmas Eve, when their celebrations were halted by a FLO attack.

ABOVE RIGHT: The presence of armed soldiers forcefully brought home the message to delegates from abroad who were attending the Conference on International Terrorism, organized by the Jonathan Institute, in Jerusalem.

LEFT: Black American leader Bayard Rustin visited Israel in the wake of the Andrew Young affair, at a time when it was feared that there would be a major erosion of sympathy for Israel among blacks in America. Rustin visited Israel to demonstrate his solidarity with the country and to emphasize his belief in the justice of Israel's case.

RIGHT: Peace with Egypt. But for many Israelis, the agony of war will never end. On the day the peace treaty ceremonies were held on the lawn of the White House, the parents of a paratrooper who died in action — like many other bereaved parents in Israel — paid tribute to his memory at a military cemetery.



MORE THAN NINE out of ten Los Angeles Jews are very glad that they were born Jews, but few consider religion as the foundation of their Jewish identification.

Contrary to stereotypes, most Jews are not wealthy, are not merchants but professionals, are not politically radical and are not... These conclusions are among the initial findings of a two-year study on the identities, attitudes and behaviour of Los Angeles Jewry, believed to be the first of its kind in the U.S. With 472,000 members, the Jewish community in the Los Angeles metropolitan area is the second largest in the Diaspora after New York City.

On the long-range future of the Jewish community, the news is both good and bad. On the negative side, the birthrate is going down, although the decline has been offset by large-scale immigration from Israel, Iran and Russia; intermarriage is rising steeply; and only one out of three Jews is affiliated

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with a synagogue or Jewish organization.

More positively, there is a strong and growing Jewish awareness among young educated people, an overwhelming and even militant commitment to Israel and widespread support for an increasing role for women in Jewish religious and communal life.

The study, spanning four generations, was commissioned by the University of Judaism and directed by Dr. Neil C. Sandberg, an urban sociologist and western regional director of the American Jewish Committee, and by Dr. Gene N. Levine, professor of sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). After a canvass of 5,000 households in five sections of Los Angeles, they selected 418 families for in-depth question-and-answer sessions, each lasting one to two hours.

In an interview, Dr. Sandberg cited the passing of the old tightly-knit neighbourhood and the growing estrangement from traditional institutions as threatening steps on the road to assimilation.

"Unless our present institutions — synagogues, federations, fraternal organizations — humanize themselves, that is reach beyond the established core to the young and unaffiliated, our heritage may not be transmitted to future generations," warns Dr. Sandberg. The study, which the authors describe as "a full and fair reflection of Jewish life," includes the following statistical observations:

Some 88 per cent of respondents declared themselves happy to have been born Jewish, but only 18 per cent see being Jewish as primarily religious, while 61 per cent perceive Jews as an ethnic-cultural group.

The shift from a religious to an ethnic-cultural outlook "is one of the most significant changes in Jewish life in the last generation," observes Dr. Sandberg.

Among members of synagogues and temples — 29 per cent of all respondents — 19 per cent describe themselves as Orthodox, 47 per cent as Conservative and 22 per cent as Reform. Some 45 per cent of the respondents said they had belonged to a congregation, but had dropped

out. However, even the non-synagogue members cling to some religious traditions, led by participation in Passah seders (87 per cent), lighting Hanukka candles (88 per cent) and fasting on Yom Kippur (48 per cent).

On the material level, 40 per cent of the Los Angeles Jewish population is "economically marginal" (under \$15,000 a year), while 23 per

cent are walk-to-do (\$40,000 or more a year). Only 87 per cent are self-employed and, of those working in a family firm, only 18 per cent expect that business to continue in the family. Medicine, law, accounting, teaching and social work are becoming increasingly professions Jews choose.

POLITICALLY, Jews are retaining their old loyalty to the Democratic Party, with 80 per cent identifying themselves as Democrats and only 7 per cent as Republicans. In a more meaningful categorization, 41 per cent said they were liberals, 18 per cent conservatives and 5 per cent radicals.

The latter figures contradict both the old stereotype of Jews as radicals and the recent perception of a strong Jewish swing to the conservative side. However, there has been some erosion in the strong Jewish civil rights stand, in action if not in words. While 88 per cent of respondents felt that Jews should work to stop racial discrimination, less than half that number, 49 per cent, approved busting their own children to achieve school integration.

With all their diversity, Los Angeles Jews are almost unanimous in their support of Israel. Although 83 per cent have never belonged to a Zionist organization, and 71 per cent have never visited Israel, the overwhelming majority (88 per cent) declared themselves very willing to pressure U.S. policy in favour of Israel.

In a sharp break with the Jewish passivity of earlier decades, 89 per cent of respondents (and two-thirds of the young educated ones) said they would be willing to use force to oppose Nazi-type groups in the U.S.

Dr. Sandberg expressed some surprise at this attitude. "As Jews have always been strong civil libertarians," he attributes the change to "an underlying fear that anti-Semitism could again become virulent."

Jews now represent 2.7 per cent of the total American population; intermarriage, coupled with a low birthrate and high median age (48 years for Jews vs. 29.4 for the country as a whole) are seen as threats to Jewish survival by the two sociologists.

The survey found that 19 per cent of respondents were married to non-Jews, and of those with

women — but a widely accepted survey of a few years ago placed the rate as well above 40 per cent.

Such intermarriages rarely meet with social or family stigma. Seventy-four per cent said they "accepted" intermarriages. Only 1 per cent would disown a child who married a gentile, and only 4 per cent insist upon conversion of the non-Jewish partner.

"The unprecedented social freedom that Jews today enjoy in the U.S. could well be the greatest

threat to their survival," concludes Dr. Sandberg.

The threat could be lessened through full integration into religious and communal life of the Jewish woman. "A reservoir that has yet to be fully tapped," according to Dr. Sandberg, most Los Angeles Jews are ready to accept fuller female involvement, with 88 per cent believing that women should be counted in the *minyan*, and 78 per cent approving of women as rabbis.

Dr. Sandberg and Levine will continue to refine and analyze their data and plan to publish a book in two years, tentatively entitled "The Jews of Los Angeles: Identity and Affiliation."

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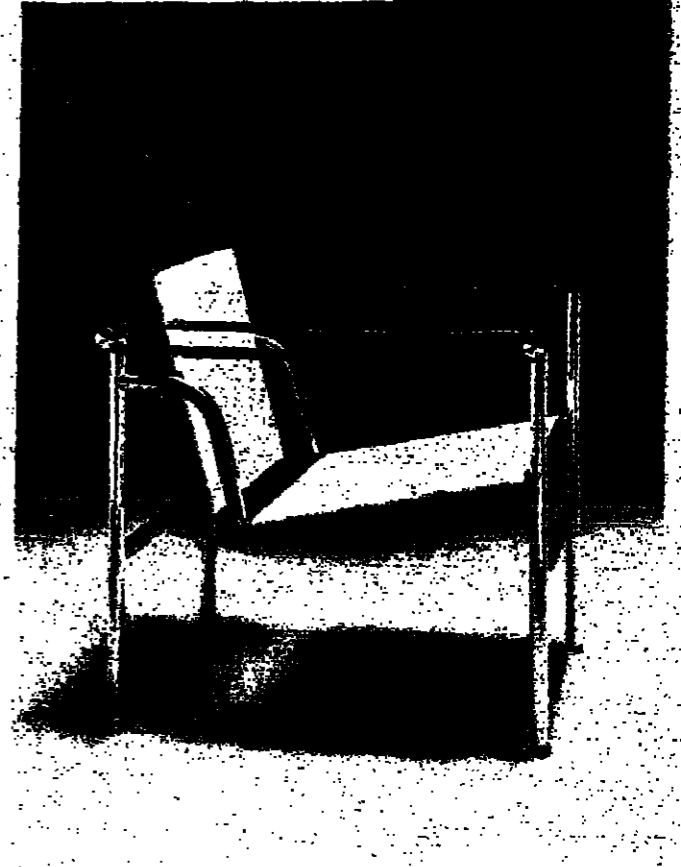
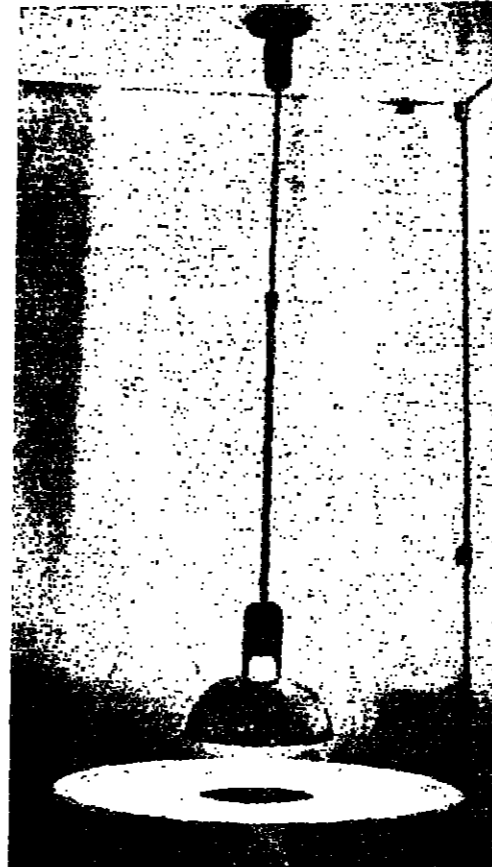
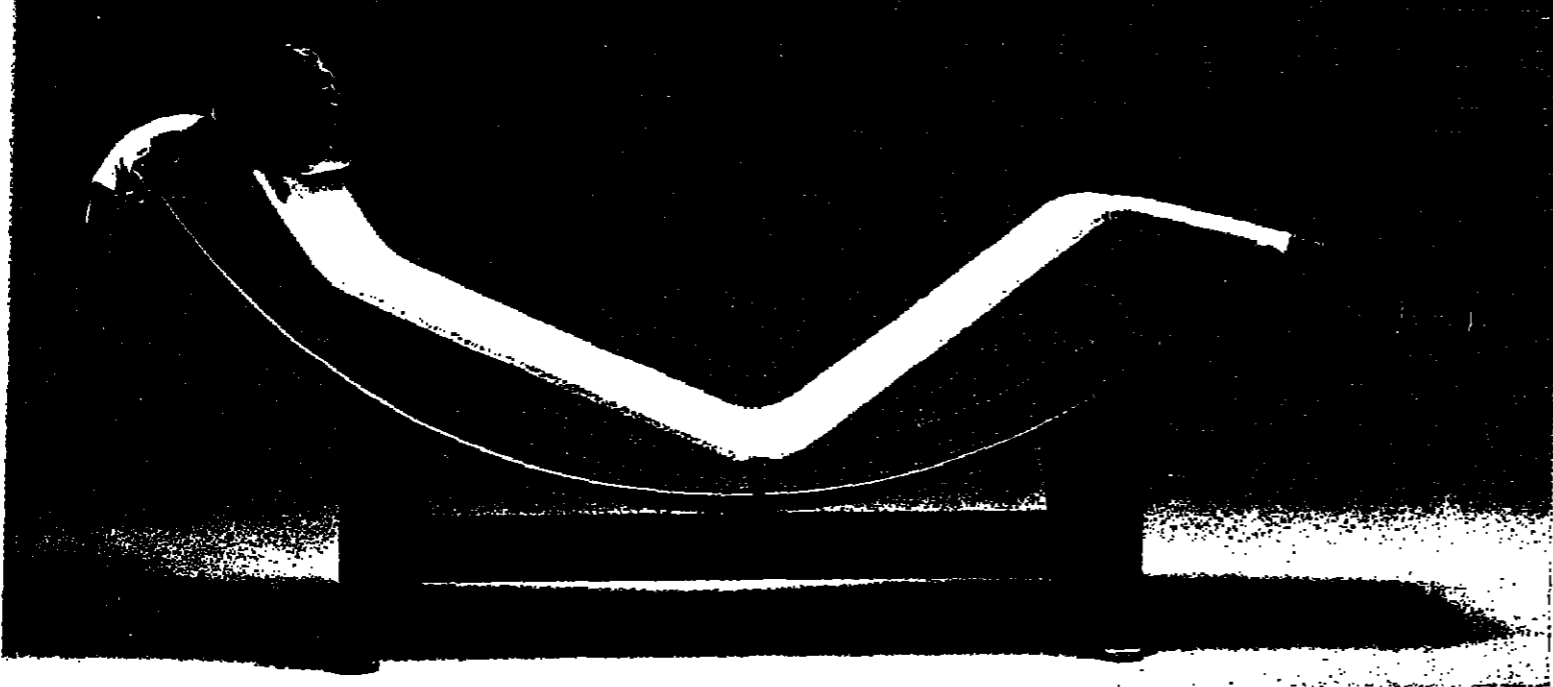
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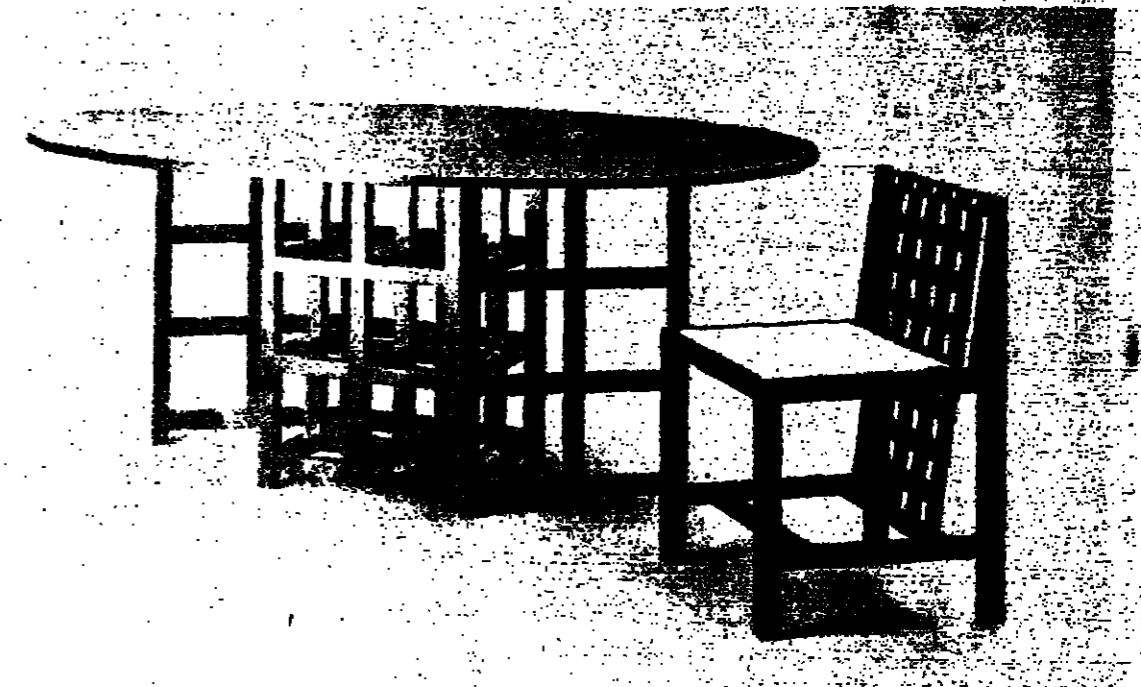
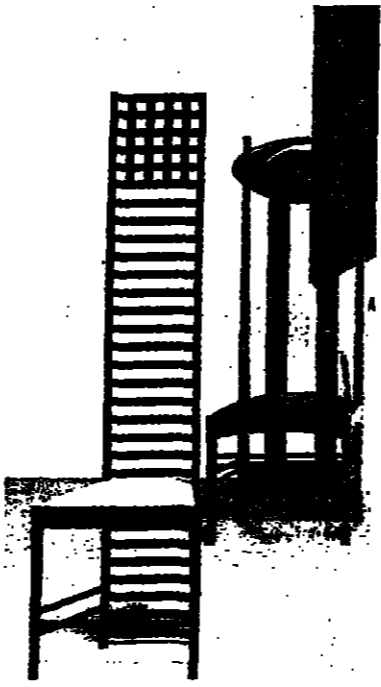
Free guided tours of museums in Hebrew, as indicated below: Sat. 11.00 MUSEUM OF ETHNOGRAPHY AND FOLKLORE — Calligraphy in Enamel — Ella Miron. The artist will explain and demonstrate calligraphy in enamel. Exhibition closes on January 10.

Guided tours of Glass and Ceramics Museums, in English, will be held on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. Participants meet at the Glass Museum — admission free.

Functional forms



FURNITURE designed by Charles Mackintosh (1868-1928), Le Corbusier (1887-1965) or the members of the Bauhaus group (working between 1919 and 1933) never goes out of fashion — so much so that people today can buy one of their designs believing it to be the most modern of articles. To familiarize Israelis with the concepts that guided the artists, the Ramat Gan branch of Danish Interiors is showing an exhibit of their furniture, produced by the Italian Cassina company. Also on display is modern lighting by Flos and Arteluce.



WHAT INFLUENCES the style of Israeli manufactured furniture? According to Benny Aharon, Managing Director of Mabat, the most influential factor in Israeli furniture design is space limitation.

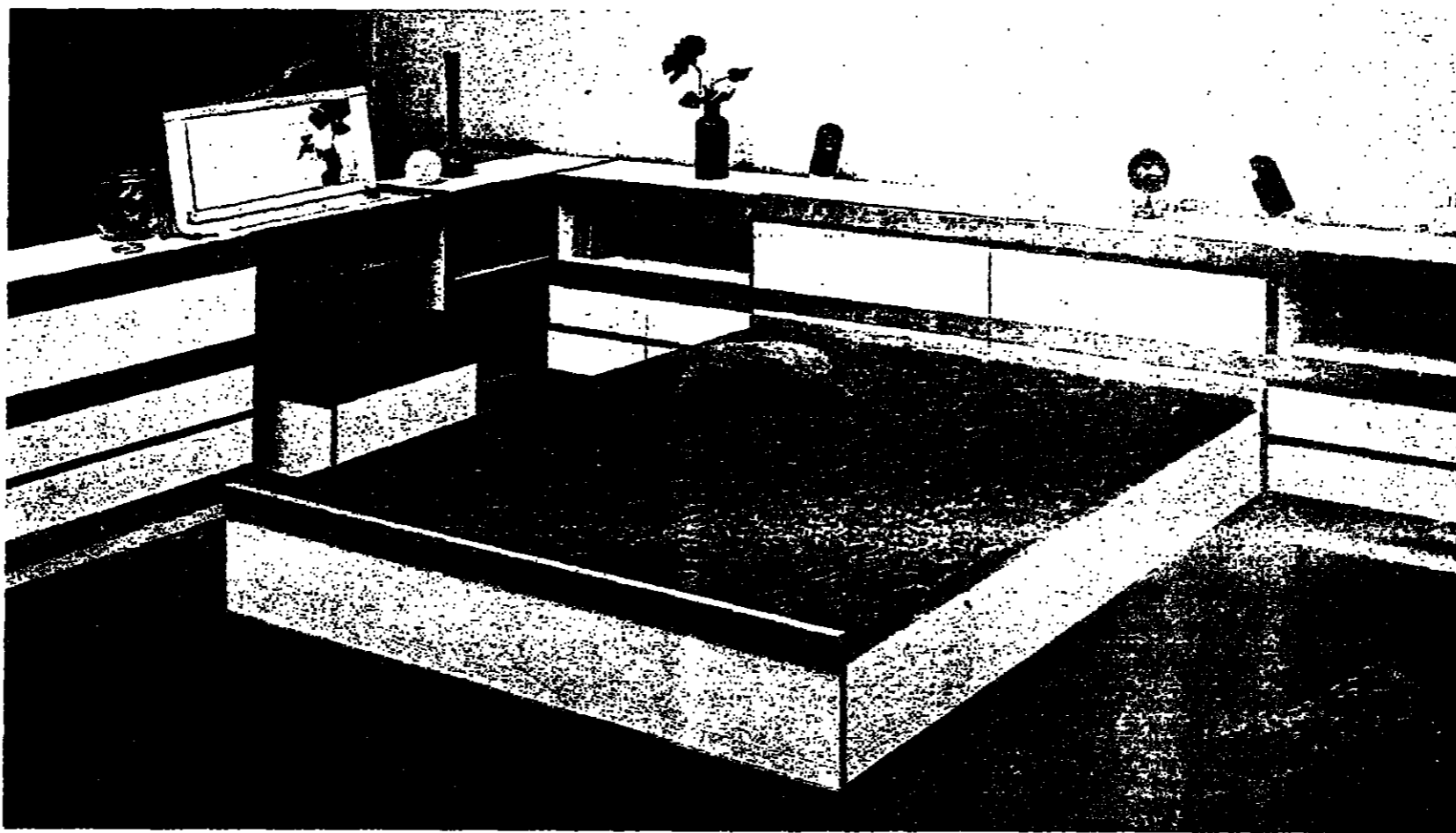
Aharon points out that most Israelis live in cramped apartments where every centimetre of space counts. Heavy, solid furniture is out of place in the general Israeli environment.

Knock-down, modular furniture is produced by most Israeli firms, because it is easily adaptable and can be assembled in infinite variations according to the size and shape of the room.

Corridors and doorways in some Israeli apartments are so small and narrow, that it is virtually impossible to manoeuvre furniture from one room to another unless it is disassembled. This is the key advantage of knock-down furniture. Because it can be pulled apart and put together again so quickly and easily, there is scant likelihood of damage in transport from factory to customer or from one apartment to another.

And if you are changing your place of residence, you have less problems in deciding what goes where. If your furniture is flexible. You can split up your modular units in relation to your needs and your wall space.

We have a wall unit of this kind in our living-room. We purchased it from Galax several years ago, and it took my husband approximately half a day, working by himself to assemble it. Measuring 7½ metres in length and 2¼ metres in height, it comprises 33 compartments for books and ornaments, one compartment for the television set, eight drawers and five double door cabinets. Basically, it consists of 80 planks plus drawers and including base and back. It just so happens that our apartment has a high ceiling, but if we were to move to a newer building where ceilings are lower, the top two shelves of our modular structure would not fit, but could be reassembled without trouble as a book-case on another wall.



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AS A matter of fact, Israel has a growing export trade in wall units, with Rim and Hazorea leading the field. Whereas Hazorea goes in for a solid look with walnut, teak and oak veneers, Rim is more inclined towards sheen with lots of glass, chrome and mirror, shelves, drawers and handles.

Compact areas demand multi-purpose, space-saving furniture. Mabat's bedroom suites for instance, have shelves in the headboard of the bed, and storage drawers under the bed.

Americans used to king- and queen-sized beds will find the standard Israeli double-bed a disaster, and while larger beds are available on the market, there's no point in buying one, if it won't fit into the bedroom.

This brings to mind the story of a newly affluent couple who wanted to show off

their new wealth, and who had been told that period furniture was a sign of good taste. Seeking to make an impression on their relatives and friends, they went to an exclusive furniture store and ordered a Louis XV bedroom suite. When it was delivered, it was discovered that the room was too small to accommodate it. Whereupon the mistress of the house telephoned the shop saying, "this furniture is too big. Maybe you have a Louis 14½?"

Several Tel Aviv retailers do in fact stock imitation Louis XV and Queen Anne furniture, but frequently scaled down to meet Israeli requirements.

Rustic furniture with that comfortable, country lived in look, is also on display in many Tel Aviv furniture showrooms. Good examples with a strong early American in-

fluence can be seen at Woodstore in Ibn Gvirol St., and Habitat in Rehov David Hamelech.

Of course, if you're living in a one-room apartment, a bedroom suite as such, is out of the question. If it's a large room, you might be able to fit in a double bed, but that would detract from the impression of a living-room during the day.

Rim has provided another option by way of a sofa with a fold-away extension. When opened up, it becomes a double bed, with the back of the sofa serving as a headboard. Of course, long before Rim came on the scene, Israeli furniture manufacturers were producing cots which slid under the frame of the couch by day and re-emerged each night, and these are still in evidence in many Israeli homes in which there are not

enough bedrooms to afford some degree of privacy to all the members of a family. Whereas Rim's sofa/bed is more or less the same distance from the floor as any regular bed, there are other companies manufacturing arm-chairs with double backs which can be pulled out to become a floor-level mattress.

Israeli tastes in furniture are more European and Scandinavian oriented than American, says Benny Aharon. Here too, environment is the reason. Americans have a preference for chrome and mirror finish. A current craze in the U.S. is mirror doors on cabinets. "There is too much dust in Israel for Israelis to go in for that kind of thing," says Aharon. "It just wouldn't be worth the time and effort required in keeping it clean."

Israel's furniture industry, which has been gearing itself for export in recent years, will now focus most of its energies in that direction because the credit squeeze will undoubtedly reduce production for the local market.

Very few firms can guarantee immediate delivery of orders for local clientele, as a result of which some quote prices in dollars and some include the rise in the cost-of-living index from date of order to date of delivery. This is the only way they can protect their profit margins.

While economics will play a significant role in furniture choices over the next year (if not longer), there are other considerations which should determine your selection. For example, you should be very careful when deciding on upholstery fabric. A herringbone weave is an instant dust absorber. Vinyl and leather are more stain resistant than cloth. Synthetic fabrics are the worst buy for a household of smokers. A sulphur spark flying off a match when you light a cigarette is enough to put a hole in your upholstery. Make sure that whichever fabric you choose, it is washable. The last thing you want is to run a damp cloth over your furniture, only to discover too late that it's permanently stained.

Sliding doors are another dust hazard. Dust collects in the railings, especially the corners, and every time you move the door, you push more dust into the corner recesses.

Be wary of shelves, especially in modular furniture. Just how much weight can the shelf take without collapsing? The shelf supports in modular furniture are often flimsy, and the shelves themselves are frequently a fraction short of the required length for the frame of the cupboard or bookcases. Conversely, drawers may be a trifle too wide for the frame and pushing them in and pulling them out will be a constant struggle. Test the legs of tables, chairs, desks and couches. You'd be surprised how many have not been firmly fixed in place.

The importance of the finish is self-evident, but occasionally, we are so charmed by the total look of an item that we forget to inspect the finer points. A decorative metal strip may have rough edges at the door opening, or alternately, the strip may be indented at the corners, thus defeating the streamlined goal of the design.

Double doors on cupboards and cabinets may not be exactly the same size, and will therefore not close properly. Extension leaves in tables may be slightly askew, which certainly doesn't make for balanced meals.

If you would have been finicky about all these points and more only a few months ago, merchants would have either tried to con you into believing that you were wrong or they would have sent you to do your buying elsewhere. But one of the few benefits of an economic recession is that the customer with cash in hand is always right.

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A different kind of Yekke

Leo Wissmann became a craftsman at 14—and has since built up a flourishing furniture business, Greer Fay Cashman learns.

AT AN AGE when other men 10 years his junior are contemplating retirement, Jerusalem furniture manufacturer Leo Wissmann has taken up a new challenge. Just two weeks before his 74th birthday, Wissmann expanded his business to include a three-storey showroom for furniture and furnishings.



When I visited him a few days after the opening of his latest venture, he was still smarting about the controversial television documentary "The Yekkes," which he and large had despised, was a German immigrant population packed inside its own cultural ghetto, living more in the past than in the present.

"I'm a different kind of Yekke," Wissmann declared. "I work with my hands." Manual labour is the expression of Wissmann's personal Zionist credo. He was only 14 years old when he incurred the displeasure of his family by choosing to be a craftsman instead of embarking on academic study.

His decision was prompted by anti-Semitism. "I thought that the only way to fight it was to find a productive profession." One of seven children in an orthodox rabbinical family, Leo Wissmann was born in a township near Stuttgart. His father was a learned man, respected by Jews and gentile alike. The Wissmann siblings, with the exception of Leo, followed an intellectual path. One sister, the mother of Knesset

historian Netanel Lorch, gained a doctorate in philology.

Resolute against the objections voiced by kintfolk, friends and neighbours, young Leo enrolled in vocational and art schools and studied carpentry.

He wanted to come on aliya in 1925, but didn't have the money for the fare. He heard about a construction company doing work in Egypt, and put in an application for a job, thinking that once he got that far, it wouldn't be too difficult to continue the journey at a later stage. His application was turned down because the company used only natives for carpentry.

Undeterred, he turned to Agudat Israel, hoping that they might subsidize the cost of his ticket—and once again, he struck a blank wall.

His economic circumstances did not improve, but he kept writing letters to the Middle East, convinced that eventually someone would come by him. Months and years went by without any positive sign. The only bright spot in an increasingly bleak Germany, was the recognition that he received for his craftsmanship. In March, 1931, he was awarded his "Meisterbrief" by the equivalent of the Ministry of Industry. He was the only Jew in Germany who was accorded the title of Master Craftsman in that year.

A short time later, on the first night of Passover, he vowed that next year, he would be in Jerusalem. The following day a letter came from the Holy Land with the advice to stay where he was. The writer of the letter stated that there was no income to be derived from carpentry in Eretz Israel.

Wissmann's mother, widowed four years earlier, was delighted. Now, perhaps her son would forget all his foolish ideas and settle down at home. But he had carried the dream for too long to accept defeat. On Passover 1932, a letter came inviting him to manage a carpentry shop. By this time, he was already engaged to be married. A careful man, he told his fiancée that he would go ahead to investigate. He returned to Germany to assure his future mother-in-law that her daughter would not starve, and in the same year, finally brought his

bride Judith to Jerusalem. The job didn't last very long. Wissmann's employers went bankrupt, and he was left high and dry. Professionally, it was probably the best thing that could have happened to him. It was also a good thing for the Hagana, of which he had become a member not long after arriving in Jerusalem.

Wissmann set up his own business in Tel Arza, and because the times were hard and there wasn't much work, he put his expertise to good use on behalf of the Hagana and the Jewish Agency.

The Brits were constantly raiding Jewish premises in search of armaments and documents which would betray the intentions of the leaders of the Yishuv. Wissmann built secret caches all over the city, some of them large enough to hide a man. None of them was ever detected, no matter how thorough the British were in their search.

Some of these caches still exist today, including one in the desk of Dov Joseph, former legal advisor to the Jewish Agency and Minister for Agriculture, Supply and Rationing in the first Knesset. In subsequent Cabinets, Joseph was Minister for Development, Health and Justice.

Wissmann was one of 150 volunteers recruited by Dov Joseph in 1949, to patrol the capital's Shlomzion Hamalka street, which was vulnerable to attack. The same group was summoned to the Old City in May, 1948 in a vain attempt to save the Jewish Quarter. Wissmann's second son, Ariel, was born in the midst of the shelling. He himself was in the Old City on that Black Friday, May 28, when the Hurva Synagogue was destroyed, and he saw the flames which engulfed the Jewish Quarter. Later, he huddled with the homeless in the



(Landau)

crowded Jochanan Ben Zakkai synagogue until he was taken POW by the Jordanians. After nine months in a prison camp, he returned home in February, 1949.

Wissmann went back to work, and soon his business and reputation grew. He was commissioned for projects in government offices, public institutions, hotels in Israel and abroad and many private homes.

The 4,000 sq. m. factory in Bethlehem Road, Talpiot, went into operation in 1973. It took another seven years before the 2000 sq. m. showrooms were completed. A tour of the whole five-storey structure proves that Leo Wissmann is not altogether a different kind of Yekke. The German penchant for order is very

much in evidence. The huge storage area is clean and tidy. The factory has been meticulously planned for maximum efficiency, and the ultra modern, almost silent machinery with push button controls, is effortlessly operated by a 40-member team who work a 47-hour week. The factory is sectioned off so that no dust will penetrate the varnish department, and no heat will get to the cold store area where veneers are kept in peak condition.

The showrooms have been laid out as much as possible to resemble a home. Sets of furniture accessorized by lamps, table cloths, dinner sets, bowls of flowers, ashtrays and candlesticks are arranged in a natural atmosphere. One has the impression of

wandering from room to room because sets of furniture are divided by wall units.

Aside from the layout, what distinguishes the Wissmann range of furniture is the quality of workmanship and the lack of formica, plastic or any other material which hides the natural wood grain. Having worked in wood for almost 60 years, Leo Wissmann has no desire to camouflage its natural beauty. He cannot resist running his hands along the smooth surfaces, just to prove to himself that the workmanship is as it should be.

Both living and dining room furniture is upholstered in a large variety of leathers and fabrics including plush and prints.

Of particular interest are bedroom closets ranging to ceiling height, with sliding doors so cleverly fitted that they look like wall panels. Another attention getter is a tripod games table, the base of which is fitted with a backgammon board. This is overlaid with a reversible removable section which has a chess board on one side and is lined with green baize on the other.

The top floor of the showroom area is reserved for office furniture.

Leo Wissmann happily climbs all the stairs several times a day with old and new customers and people who have just come to look. He talks about each item of furniture as most people of his generation would talk about a favourite grandchild.

Although he speaks German with his family, he has no hesitancy in switching to Hebrew in which there is barely a trace of a Yekke accent. And what of the future? His eyes crinkle merrily. "We'll keep on developing," he says. "Wait till you see this place next year."

Today is edited by Joanna Yekiel.

On the antiques trail in Beit Jala

AT ELIAS Esper Hadweh's "Antiquities" shop on the main road in the centre of Beit Jala, the last word in furniture is not Scandinavian, and formica is never mentioned. His shop is a place where old furniture is savoured over coffee, and the experience is more important than the sale.

On Sundays, Elias goes collecting in the West Bank and Gaza, where antique pieces have made their way to shops after homes are sold, or people want to redecorate in a modern style. He knows where to buy in Nazareth, Bethlehem, or the Old City.

"It's becoming more and more difficult to find good pieces," complains Elias, who speaks English, Spanish, Arabic, and Hebrew. "In the old days, people would throw everything out. They had no idea what it was, and I could pick it up as junk. But now people have begun to realize that the old things are the valuable things. They hold on to them, and I have to pay a lot for them, even in the small villages."

Almost all of Elias's customers are Israeli, and in his five years of business, he has learned what they like.

"Israelis like the smaller and cheaper things. Most are young people looking for bargains, and they expect to bargain when they come here. There are no fixed prices, but of course we know what things are worth. Unfortunately, Israel doesn't have the money to pay the prices for things that are good. We try to point out to people when something is hand-made, or when a piece of wood is exceptionally good, but in the end they just have to believe in me."

A lucky day and a good eye, combined with an active imagination, can lead to successful antiquing. Elias's shop is reminiscent of an attic full of treasures where anything is possible.



(Novak)

Jennifer Arenstein finds that old is valuable.

Wooden sideboards and closets are the main feature here. Some have glass fronts and inlaid shelves, just waiting to display china and ornaments. A hutch from 19th century England or France can cost IL20,000-30,000, or much more if it is even older. An Arab-made piece will usually cost under IL10,000. Elias is now working on a European cupboard which will eventually be entirely glass-enclosed, and will cost about IL12,000.

An antique's country of origin is usually identifiable by the styling. French and English work is delicate, while Egyptian is usually a heavier copy of these. Turkish and Syrian pieces are similar to each other and feature flower designs. German styling is massive and heavy.

Mirrors attract a lot of attention at Elias's. Some are the ultimate in narcissism. One wood-framed Turkish mirror is over two metres high and one and a half metres wide. A more delicate French mirror, one by one and a half metres, sells for about IL7,000.

Finding craftsmen to mend the antique is one of Elias's problems. Very rarely are pieces found in perfect condition, but to fix them is fragile and time-consuming work. Carpenters refuse to do it—their profits are much greater on standard cabinets, which are always in demand.

"Naturally this limits the number of pieces I can ready for sale in my shop," Elias explains. "I can't fix everything myself—I have to go collecting and run the business. Antiques keep you busy all the time. You have to be ready to go out any time of the day or night."

Elias is always coming across small collectors' items on his treasure hunts to the West Bank. In the shop one trips over wood-burning stoves with iron grill-work, or antique coffee-grinders and sewing machines. Many of these he takes home rather than ask the price they are worth—a price he knows no one is likely to pay.

An unexpected adventure was in store when Elias invited us to his home to see his private collection.

His pleasure was obvious as we exclaimed over the huge arched room decorated with numerous wood sideboards and tables, Turkish and French chairs, red Oriental rugs, and two complete salon sets.

"The couch and chairs you're sitting on was retable four times by Israel television," Elias related. "It was made in Egypt in the 19th century French style. I chose it from over 200 sets because the workmanship is so good."

Looking at the olive green upholstery and gold-painted wood finish, we suspected that Television House will be glad to use it again when they broadcast in colour.

According to Elias, not only television people are interested in his wares.

"Shimon Peres has come here often, and Moshe Dayan comes out when he hears about a bargain."

Elias grew up in Chile, where a large contingent of the Beit Jala population resides, and came to Beit Jala in 1966, aged 19. Today he is "half Greek Orthodox, and half Yehudi."

Shortly after the Six Day War he began learning about antiques from Justinus, then the head of the Greek Orthodox community of Beit Jala. Justinus was the owner of an impressive personal antique collection, and conducted buying and selling by word of mouth.

At first, Elias worked at fixing antiques for Justinus, and then began to do a lot of collecting for him, as well. In 1974, Elias opened up on his own, and today is training his own apprentice, Nael Shazer, who has been working with him for four years. "The old things are the nice things," Elias feels. "When you see a beautifully designed piece, you can look and look at it. The old wood is rich, fragrant. Modern furniture is dry, there's nothing to see after the first glance."

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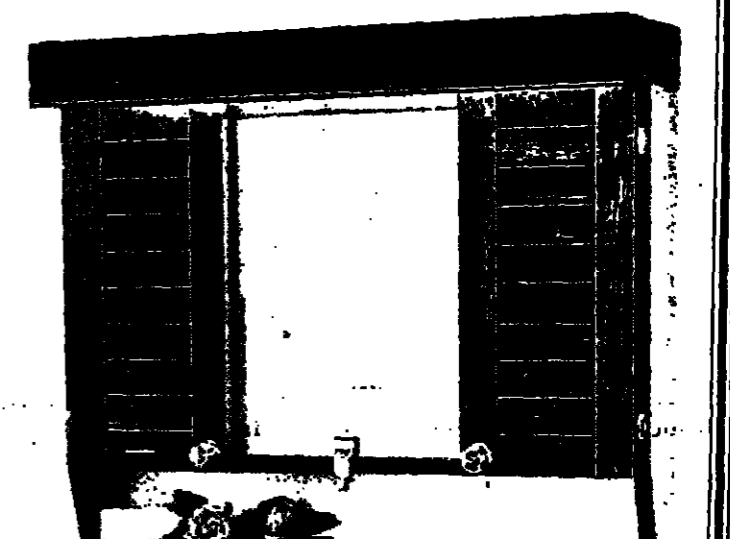
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Sports

Liverpool's Johnson gets 2 in W. Bromwich shutout

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Cochrane sent off five minutes from time. Graeme Hedy and David Hodgson netted for the visitors, while former England captain Gerry Francis scored a late penalty for the Londoners.

Chelsea lost 2-0 to Wrexham and Luton dropped a point with a 2-2 draw against Orient.



Manchester United's Gordon McQueen is head and shoulders above friend and foe alike as he nods in one of three United goals against Arsenal yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

LA uses 'Magic' to beat Celtics

LOS ANGELES (AP). — The Lakers had beaten the Boston Celtics and Earvin "Magic" Johnson had won a super-battle of the rookies with Larry Bird, but Los Angeles coach Paul Westhead wanted to talk about something else.

"Although we scored over 120 points and shot the eyes out of the basket, the difference in this game was defence," Westhead said after the Lakers' 123-105 National Basketball Association triumph on Friday night.

OLYMPICS. — The Soviet Union yesterday announced it had launched a satellite to be used to provide international television coverage of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games.

Israel goal-less in youth soccer tourney

Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Norway beat Israel with two second half goals in the second round of games in the fourth international youth soccer tourney at the Ramat Gan stadium yesterday.

Israel junior in NY tennis semis

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Young Amos Mansori on Friday reached the semi-finals of the big Roehls Junior Tournament in Port Washington, New York.

W. Indians rock Aussies in second cricket test

MELBOURNE (Reuter). — The West Indies rocked Australia with both bat and ball to seize the initiative on the first day of the second cricket test here yesterday.

'Mini-rugby' debut here for youth

Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — More than 100 boys between the ages of 13 and 18 took part in the Israeli Rugby Football Union's first youth tournament at the "Sportek" ground here yesterday.

Vilas-Dent showdown in \$362,000 Aussie Open

MELBOURNE (AP). — The ultimate winner of the \$362,000 Australian tennis open could be decided in today's quarterfinal clash between top-seeded Argentine Guillermo Vilas and Australian Phil Dent.

low opening at Hastings chess meet

ASTINGS, England (AP). — Only six games were played to a finish today in the grandmasters' tournament on a slow opening day of the 4th Hastings International Chess Congress.

48-year-old new immigrant wins 3rd national squash tourney

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Max Robinowitz, a 48-year-old new immigrant from South Africa, last week won the Israel Squash Rackets Association's third national championships at the Hebrew University courts in Jerusalem.

Hamaccabiah in Ramat Gan

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